Dear Howard, PM- appendix, estimate, etc. 10/1/75

I don't think there will ever be a closer estimate than we have on the space available for appendix in any book, leave alone one of 660 pages!

Lil has typed the index on tape half the width of the page before reduction. She has calso computed the space it will take in pages. We have one page for adding more to the appendix! Only one!

I had expected more but I forgot the romans. I was busy thinking which Nosenko documents were essential, etc.

I wound up writing a long footnote to be at the end of the appendix, maybe with an unorthodox carryover to appear if there is space at the end of the index. I have not read it. I've just finished it. I'll probably be able to cut it some.

In the course of going over this material prior to Lil's calculations it became more obvious that the 6/23 executive session for which I'm suing has to be on Nosenko, as I'd believed, because the very next day they had him go over some of their Oswald material.

There are special reasons for departing from practise and not giving a single citation in this note not to let the perjury-prone government attornies have too good an idea of what I know and not to clue the nuts and exploiters and plagiarizers in for ripping off the public mind. I so state in explanation if not in these words.

Oops! Two pages. The one before this is devoted to a combination of Cyril, Ned, Katzenbach and that foundation and related matters.

The cover is designed and being made. Sammie did his usual fine job. I do have a production schedule and press time reserved and confirmed. Without some emeggency we'll make it easily now. Meaning with no more sudden pressures. What it means is that the book will be published before any of the TV specials. It also means I have an enormous amount of other preparatory work to do, of course. This will include very many letters, phone being foreclosed.

Exciting news at this point. My lecture bureau also books Belin! He has agreed to a dabate format with me, one for sure, Vanderbilt. I picked the first of the four dates offered, the 22 of this month! There is also interest (I think Belin's will end fast) in the same format at a New York State University at Binghampton. So, if you have any documents I dont time is short! The format is dabate. I suggested that an essential is we each make in opening remarks of the same length and then have questions from the audience with a limit of 2-3 minutes for each to respond, regardless of the one to whom the question is addressed. I said lawyers fillibuster and we want this to be crisp. He agreed. Hope Belin does. I also need someone in Nashville to tape the whole thing in the event the school doesn't.Or won't give me a dub.

It will also give me time to visit Ray and talk with him,JL take special note.

After supper copyreading of the index begins. All 46 columns. This paid appearance means more time pressure in preparing for the appearance of Post Mortem.

I'll use a little the Rockefeller Commission/Belin didn't, too. That CIA memo on toying with the mind. Maybe the one on Russian assassinations. And Belin's taking the Church Committee off domestic intelligence by passing the buck on it to them. I think belin ought be paying more attention to the needs of his clients and want to encourage him.

There are several things I do not have that could help. One is the FBI Givens report xontradicted by the later testimony Belin adduced. I would want to read both, no more on this. Another is Jerry's, I think, the contradiction in footnotes after Belin knew the truth before printing of his book. I would want no more than xeroxes, if you can supply. With Arnold, Benavides, Bowley and Baker as I've published, I'd have enough. If you can

supply these I'd appreciate it. If you have to ask Jerry, please do not tell him or anyone else that Belin has agreed to a debate. I have specific reasons having to do with untoward events of the past couple of days. And with not having anyone suggest to Belin that he back out. He appears to know nothing about me. Or to think too much of himself. Whatever, I want to hold it as close as I can until there is formal announcement. After that if he backs out I'll have a proper license.

School will probably be keeping you busy, so if you can't do this let me know and I'll figure on doing without it or merely referring to it. But I will want to do some planning and there will be little time, no continuous time.

Best,